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policy to cultivate the good-will of Japan and to command her respect and confidence, a permanent and formal alliance with that Power is not in itself a thing to be desired. Japan is in her character and still subject to waves of anti-foreign feeling. If she entered into an alliance with Great Britain she would expect to derive great advantages from it herself and if her expectations were disappointed there would be a danger of her resentment being directed against her ally; while on the other hand it is doubtful if her friendship would stand the strain of demand for great sacrifices. A temporary alliance for the attainment of a specific end, well defined and comes in a specific category, but countries between which there is no racial affinity cannot be depended upon to maintain an alliance of permanent character which the course of events may at any time render prejudicial to the interests of one of them for the time being.

Mr. Chamberlain and the situation in China was extremely satisfactory. The telegram does not tell us whether he explained in what respect the situation was satisfactory, or why Great Britain should wish to make war upon Russia. Mr. Chamberlain's speech is the more extraordinary coming so soon as it does after Mr. Balfour's statement in the House of Commons on the 14th April. Parliament meets again on the 21st April. Mr. Chamberlain will have the opportunity of more fully explaining himself. We may possibly also have a statement as to whether Lord Salisbury intends to continue in the office of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. On Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham has been intended as a bid for the reversion of that office, an attempt to inflame popular passion to the point of demanding a written policy in regard to the Chinese question and the placing in the office of Foreign Secretary of the chief exponent of that policy. We should be sorry to think so, but the suggestion presented itself with some force. Speaking in the House of Commons Mr. Balfour said he did not feel the need either of an apology or excuse for the policy the Government had pursued; it was a policy which had already borne, he thought, rich fruits in the interests of British commerce, both as regards our commercial interests and as regards our immediate political interests in Peking. He confessed that the Government did not like the Russian acquisition of Port Arthur, but he said, by the acquisition of Wei-haiwei we prevented the Gulf of Peking from falling under the undisputed maritime control of any one Power. As to the commercial expansion of Russia in China, Mr. Balfour spoke in the most friendly tone. If, he said, he had to choose whether he would leave any region of China wholly undeveloped or whether he would have it developed by railways, he would choose the latter, he would say so far as our commerce was concerned, altogether apart from our rights, he would rather have the railways and the duties than neither railways nor duties; and he did not believe that anybody who had studied the course of international trade with an impartial eye would deny that in holding that view he had, at all events, got a case which would be pretty easy to defend by statistical arguments. Mr. Chamberlain, however, has been criticised as an open market, and we are to have the railways to which Mr. Balfour referred without differential duties. What has happened within the last month to bring about the great change in the political situation of the Far East which Mr. Chamberlain's speech would seem to indicate? Russia is reported to have asked for a lease of Port Arthur, but surely that is nothing to declare war about. The whole of Manchuria must inevitably come under Russian influence, but so long as the trade is left open on equal terms to all comers we fail to see that Great Britain is called upon to interfere. We are afraid Mr. Chamberlain's speech has been characterised by a great deal of indiscretion. When the full report is received, however, it will probably be found that the time was perhaps not far distant for an appeal to the parliament of the Empire to the duty of the whole Empire to defend the Chinese coast and the duty of the Empire to draw closer to their American ally. Any war would be simply purchased if it ended in an Anglo-Saxon alliance.

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timed had been present, we cannot say, but on his return to the colony he resumed his seat on the Board and as the sole remaining representative of the public continued to discharge with zeal and fidelity the onerous duties of his position imposed upon him. Turning to matters of recreation we find Mr. Edey a prominent figure in the yacht world; and in his private life he is a willing him many years of pleasant cruising in the Solent, near which he has his intention to take up his residence.

There were 17 new cases of plague reported yesterday and 50 deaths.

The N. P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Tientsin on the 16th inst.

The *Victor* Edey was towed from her old moorings yesterday morning over to Mongkok, where she is to be broken up.

The N. P. steamer *Victoria*, which arrived from Tientsin and Japan ports yesterday morning, is to be broken up.

According to the *Booth's Echo* Mr. P. von Tann, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, had been to Fuzhou to open the port and Count de Knapik is appointed Deputy Commissioner at Fuzhou.

We would remind our readers of Mr. Morris's speech at St. Andrew's Hall. An excellent programme has been arranged and Mr. Morris will be assisted by several well-known speakers.

A Chinaman was yesterday charged on the information of Sergeant Cotts with the offence of being drunk and disorderly.

The Echo states that a good deal of money being raised among the natives at Yenchow for the purpose of the French ships, *Decorat* and *Jeau Duc*. It has again been reported that an attempt would be made by the French to land men at the Arsenal.

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Special Telegram to the Daily Press.  
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. and the Hongkong & Shanghai Steamship Co. Ltd. have secured a concession for the building and working of a railway from Shanghai to Nanking with power to take up the working of the Shanghai and Woosung line.

**THE TRANSFER OF WEI-HAIWEI**  
TO TAKE PLACE ON THE 7TH JUNE.  
[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DAILY PRESS.]  
Shanghai, 17th May.

The transfer of Wei-haiwei has been postponed until the 7th June.

It was originally expected that the transfer would take place on the 10th inst., but some delay seems to have occurred in the withdrawal of the Japanese Garrison. Latest advice from Japan state that the evacuation was to be completed on the 3rd June.

**THE BANK NOTE FORGERS**  
SENTENCE ON THE PRISONERS.  
[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DAILY PRESS.]  
London, 17th May.

In the case of the Bank Note Forgers, Grosser has been sentenced to ten years' penal servitude and Schmitt to five years.

**ARRIVAL OF THE "EMERALD"**  
ALL QUIET IN MANILA.  
Yesterday morning the *High McGulloch* left Kowloon Bay for the purpose of rejoining the American squadron in the Philippines, and in the afternoon the *Emerald*, which had been absent since Thursday, April 17th, returned to the harbor.

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in the name of the SECTION 1 and the  
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